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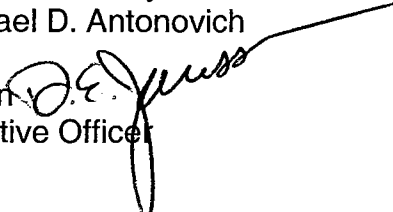
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To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman  
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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Federal Government Approves IHSS Waiver

Governor Schwarzenegger announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services had approved the State's request for a waiver to provide Medicaid matching funds for those "residual" parts of the In Home Supportive Services Program that had been funded entirely by the State and counties. The Independence Plus Waiver will provide Federal funding for care provided by parents and spouses of the elderly, and individuals with disabilities, as well as for such services as protective supervision, restaurant meal allowances, and advance monthly payments for their providers. The waiver, which became effective August 1, 2004, will save the State and counties an estimated \$340 million annually during its five-year period, including \$30-35 million for the County.

### Status of County-Interest Legislation

The Assembly concurred with Senate amendments on **County-supported AB 340 (Frommer)**, which would make it illegal to sell, offer for sale, buy, possess, manufacture, or distribute Mobile Infrared Transmitters, a device capable of sending a signal that interrupts or changes the sequence of traffic signals, by a vote of 76 to 0 on August 12, 2004 and it will now go to the Governor.

**County-supported AB 384 (Leslie)**, which would require the State Department of Corrections and the California Youth Authority to adopt regulations prohibiting the possession of tobacco products by inmates and employees in state prison and Youth Authority facilities, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 7 to 4 and will now go to the Senate Floor.

**County-supported AB 488 (Parra)**, which would require the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to disseminate registered sex offender information pursuant to Megan's Law via an Internet website operated by the DOJ and allow qualified offenders to petition for removal of their information from the Internet, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 13 to 0 and will now go to the Senate Floor.

**County-supported AB 1185 (Montañez)**, which would direct the State Department of Parks and Recreation to consider obesity in youth as a factor in allocating Proposition 12 and 40 grants for parks, received minor, non-substantive amendments on August 9, 2004, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 7 to 5, and will now go to the Senate Floor.

**County-supported AB 1432 (Firebaugh)**, which would eliminate provisions of California law barring California prosecution based on foreign convictions or acquittals and provide credit for actual time served in a foreign country, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 11 to 0 and will now go to the Senate Floor.

**County-supported AB 1663 (Durra)**, which would extend the sunset date to January 1, 2010 for the current \$1 fee assessment on each vehicle registered within the County to finance the Taskforce for Regional Auto Theft Prevention program and require each county to issue a fiscal year-end report to the State Controller who will determine if the revenues are being used in a manner consistent with the authorization, passed the Senate on a vote of 21 to 10, and will return to the Assembly for concurrence with Senate amendments.

The Assembly concurred with Senate amendments on **County-supported AB 1466 (Koretz)**, which would authorize State agencies to adopt "Don't Trash California" and the equivalent Spanish phrase as their unified litter prevention and recycling message and allow the California Integrated Waste Management Board to establish an interagency litter prevention and recycling message committee, on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 59 to 19 and the bill was sent to the Governor.

**County-supported AB 2064 (Goldberg)**, which would propose new guidelines for the State Parks Department for future State bond acts with regard to how urban parks are defined and designed, provide for a portion of expenditures to be made on park-poor underserved areas in proportion to other conservation efforts, and clarify that, in the

future, State park projects can include active recreation uses in heavily urbanized areas, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 7 to 3 and will now go to the Senate Floor.

**County-supported AB 2222 (Koretz)**, which would make it an infraction to operate, even at an idle, any watercraft with anyone bodysurfing behind the vessel or with anyone occupying or holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, or swim ladder, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 7 to 5 and will now go to the Senate Floor.

**County-supported AB 2446 (Montañez)**, which would expand the list of projects eligible for joint-use bond funding to include parks, recreational centers, cultural arts centers, technology centers, health clinics, and athletic fields that are adjacent to a school site, and make gymnasiums, libraries, multipurpose-room child care facilities, and teacher education projects a grant priority, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 7 to 5 and will now go to the Senate Floor.

**County-sponsored AB 2857 (Laird)**, which protects public agencies from losing tax revenue and ensures that taxpayers are not barred from an appropriate administrative reduction in assessments due to a decline in value, passed the Senate Floor on August 10, 2004 by a vote of 21 to 16 and now proceeds to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendment.

The Senate concurred with Assembly amendments on **County-supported SB 1085 (Murray)**, which would prohibit the unauthorized possession, distribution, and use of Mobile Infrared Transmitters (MIRT), a device capable of sending a signal that interrupts or changes the sequence of a traffic signal, on August 11, 2004 by a vote of 37 to 0 and will now go to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 1089 (Johnson)**, which would require the State Water Resources Control Board to give favorable consideration to projects that address public health, water pollution, comply with regulatory requirements, promote water recycling, prevent water quality degradation, or address administrative enforcement orders, passed the Assembly on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 77 to 0 and was returned to the Senate for concurrence.

**County-opposed SB 1334 (Kuehl)**, which would mandate counties to have either a plan or an ordinance requiring mitigation for any cutting or removal of oak trees that involves 30 percent or more of the canopy from an oak woodland, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 12 to 5 and will now go to the Assembly Floor.

**County-supported if amended SB 1375 (Scott)**, which would authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish a portion of State Highway Route 164 (Rosemead Boulevard) to the County, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 19 to 0 and will now go to the Assembly Floor.

**County working with Author on SB 1397 (Escutia)**, which would authorize the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to require retrofitting of locomotive, heavy-duty motor vehicles and non-road engines to reduce emissions to the maximum extent feasible and allow the SCAQMD to establish mitigation fees for railroad companies that operate within Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, or San Bernardino counties, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 13 to 6 and will now go to the Assembly Floor.

**County-opposed unless amended SB 1462 (Kuehl)**, which would require a lead agency of a project located beneath special use airspace to transmit complete application documents to the military, or a planning agency to send any general plan or changes to a general plan to the military before it is adopted, passed the Assembly on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 77 to 0 and was returned to the Senate for concurrence on Assembly amendments.

**County-supported SB 1677 (Knight)**, which would allow the Flood Control District (District) to accept the transfer of a storm drain improvement or drainage system from a city or a private party without action by the Board of Supervisors, was amended on August 4, 2004, to strike the language that exempted the District from liability for any storm drain or system conveyed to the District, unless the District has accepted the tender and conveyance by ordinance or resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The amendment struck language which exempted a public agency's liability for any injury caused by a condition of any storm drain improvement or drainage system that the agency agreed to acquire for the purpose of transferring it to the District. Also, the Senate concurred with Assembly amendments on August 12, 2004 by a vote of 36 to 0, and sent SB 1677 to the Governor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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